Submission of Price Lists by Drug Manufacturers

1137. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Drug Prices Control Order, 1987 every drug manufacturer whether under small scale or under organised sector or under FERA has to submit price lists under Form-5 and 5-A;

(b) if so, what are the names of companies which have submitted price lists and the year to which it pertains;

(c) what are the other details which each sector has to provide to his ministry;

(d) whether it is a fact that his ministry is not providing any records in respect to receipt form 2A and Form-6;

(e) what are the names of the companies which have submitted Form 2-A during the year 1991 and in respect of which products; and

(f) what are the details of information monitored in respect of Form 2-A and Form-6 and what action was taken on each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) The number of companies in the organised sector is about 250 and in the small scale sector about 8000. The number of formulations in large variety of pack sizes, based on both scheduled and non-scheduled bulk drugs, is therefore enormous. The overall compliance by the companies in regard to furnishing of information under these forms as per provisions of DPCO, 1987 has not been very satisfactory. However, efforts are on to increase the compliance and reminders have been/ are being sent to a large number of companies especially those with reported large turnover.

Price fixation of formulations

1138. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in a number of cases of price fixation of formulations is more than the average rate of import price of bulk drug have been allowed;

(g) if so, the details of such formulations where such practice was allowed during 1990-91 and 1991-92 and the reasons for the same;

(e) what was the earlier imported price and the price of bulk drug allowed;

(d) what are the names of imported bulk drugs on which price increase has been allowed on their formulations; and

(e) what was the earlier imported price and revised price taken in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) DGHS weighted average import price is adopted while fixing the price of a formulation based on imported bulk drug, however, in cases involving specific quality aspects, actual landed cost incurred by the formulator has been permitted.

(b) to (e) Prices of around 3000 formulations are fixed/revised every year. The time and labour involved in collecting the requisite details will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Officials of Drugs Division

1139. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that certain officials in the Drugs division of his Ministry are engaged in purchase and sales of shares of various commercial houses;

(b) if so, what are the names of those officers and what are the details of shares possessed by each;

(c) what was the value of those shares on 1st January, 1990, 1991 and 1992 and what are the details of transaction held during each year;

(d) when was each share purchased, what was its price and what is the present market value of each;

(e) whether it is also a fact that certain officials are engaged directly or indirectly in the distribution business of Pharmaceutical units; and

(f) if so, what are the details available with his Ministry and what is the relation with the officer who is managing each show ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) to (d) Under the rules, all Government servants, entering into any transaction in respect of moveable property either in his own name or in the name of the member of his family, as per the prescribed limits, are required to give intimation in the required form.

(e) and (f) Under the Rules, no Government servant can engage directly or indirectly in any trade or business except with the previous sanction of the Government. Any violation of the rules is dealt with appropriately.

Failing to calculate overcharged amount on drugs

1140. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has failed to calculate the amount overcharged on Ibudex, Proxyvon Revital and Histac range of formulations for the last one decade ;

(b) whether it is a fact that producer has overcharged the consumer by Rs. 40 crores but no action has been taken against the company under DPCO, 1979/DPCO, 1987 ;

(c) the officers involved in this complacency and what steps have been taken to unearth the racket ;

(d) what is the present status of recovery as well as action taken under Essential Commodities Act against the company ; and

(e) since when these issues are pending and what are the reasons for delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) :

(a) to (e) The matters regarding overcharging in the prices of Ibudex capsules, Proxyvon range of formulations and Revital capsules are at various stages of examination. It is not correct to say that these cases are one decade old. However, it takes time in the cases of overcharging to arrive at a final decision because the companies deliberately avoid to give the details required by the Government for calculating the overcharged amount.

Price of Diloxanide Furoate

1141. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1155 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5-3-92 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that price of Rs. 472 per Kg. for Diloxanide Furoate was fixed based on the cost date of M/s. Boots ;

(b) whether it is a fact that organised sector units had discontinued production long back and M/s Boots have also not produced the drug during the last three years ;

(c) what was the production of each during 1990-91 and 1991-92 ;

(d) whether it is a fact that M/s Camlin who were not cost studies are still supplying the drug at Rs. 400 per Kg. ;

(e) what steps have been taken to fix the responsibility for fictitious and fake increase in price ;

(f) what was the consumption of M/s Boots during the last two years and what was the quantity purchase during each of these years ; and

(g) what was the source of purchase and the price at which purchased ?